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Two-thirds of the Catholics in the world live in the southern hemisphere, a share that will reach three-quarters by mid-century 2050. This shift from north to south is the most dramatic demographic transformation of Catholicism in more than 2,000 years of church history.

John Allen,
National Catholic Reporter



Finding an answer to every question is not always as necessary as just being a companion to another as they search and discern: being present — listening, talking, praying or sharing calm quiet with them.

Patricia Datchuck Sanchez,
National Catholic Reporter

Those throwing stones or firing rockets were not born doing that, so what made them do it? It was war, suffering and deprivation, and as long as there is occupation and deprivation people go two ways — silence or violence ... I don't ask a patient, "Why are you a patient?" because that is determined by their environment — their housing, their lifestyle. What we want to change is the environment, the context in which people live.

Dr Izeldin Abulaish, Gaza doctor

Why is it that we lay people so typically shuffle out of Mass with no clear idea of how all that relates to our daily lives? ... Holy Thursday – Good Friday: without the events of Good Friday the sacrament would be meaningless and empty. We need to understand the connection between the ritual, the sacrament, and actual self-sacrifice, actual generosity of spirit.

Sean O'Connell, *Doctrine and Life*



Wherever there is need, where some one or some group, or some part of the earth is forgotten or neglected and needs to be recognized and respected, there is an invitation to mission.

Sr Frances Brady,
Our Lady's Missionary

Today professional hockey has moved beyond the tolerated violence of other sports; it is the only sport that deliberately sanctions fights by using enforcers. That violates the fifth commandment.

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